

## ISSUE REFINEMENT

The PACE Committee felt that the issue list should be refined and shortened by developing frequency criteria. The Committee wanted the final issues that are chosen to be the issues that the public were concerned about, and that were mentioned often during the discussions with the community. Therefore, the Committee decided to use the following two criteria tables to refine the list.

**Table 1. Refinement of Issues List Frequency Criteria**

1. Was the item mentioned in all 3 lists: Facilitated Discussions, Focus Groups, PACE Committee Survey?
2. How many dots did each issue receive in the: Focus groups
3. How many times each issue was mentioned by the different groups: 5 focus groups, 27 PACE Committee Survey, and 24 facilitated discussions
4. Give a dot per issue from the key professional interviews.
5. Divide issues by geographical location, and determine how many times the issue came up in the different geographical locations: 5(NW, NE, Delaware, SE, SW)
6. How many dots per issue per facilitated discussions(separate from the focus groups)

**Table 2. Final Criteria used for Refinement of the Issue List**

1. Does this issue fit within the project's mission?
2. Is the issue actually at risk?
3. Is the issue environmental?
4. Is the issue meaningful and intelligible to the public?
5. Is there data available (quality of life, human health, or effect on ecosystems) to analyze this issue?
6. Will the strategy on the issue be easily implemented?
7. Frequency criteria analysis(Table 1)
8. Removal of all Parking Lot and overarching issues.